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Falone et al.

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HAND HELD SWINGING ATHLETIC  
CONTACT MAKING ARTICLE

Group: 3711

Examiner: Mark S. Graham

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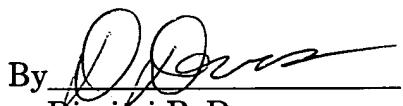
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	EE	5	9	7	9	0	8	1	11/1999	Vaz			
	EF	6	3	6	8	9	8	9	04/2002	Pascual et al.			
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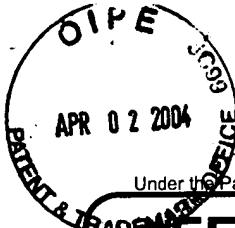
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1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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